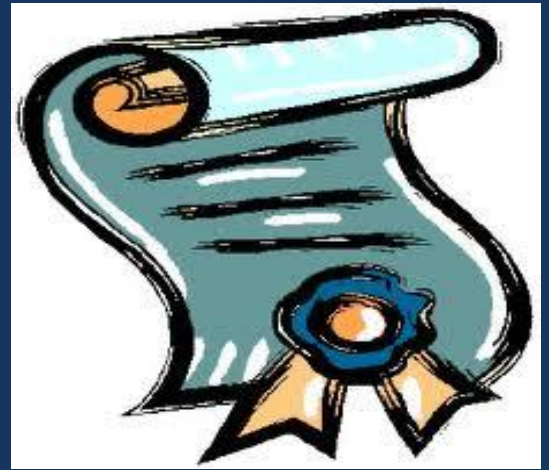


The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: July 2012



This newsletter is dedicated to legislation relating to Howard County solely while the Maryland General Assembly is not in session. Below, you will find a brief description of each of the proposed legislation under consideration by the County Council and a link to view the legislation online.

I hope you find this information helpful and are able to



take advantage of this opportunity to become more engaged. If you'd like to offer testimony on any legislation for consideration by the Howard County Council, please send an email to Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov. You can also

take advantage of the opportunity to sign-up to testify online for Council bills. To do so, visit <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/IframeTemplate.aspx?ID=6442455146>.

Howard County Council INTRODUCTIONS

*All current Council legislation can be found online at <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Displayprimary.aspx?ID=4294968832>.

APPOINTMENTS

CR108-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Roger L. Barnes to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

FINANCIAL

CB27-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$5,216,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, to be used to pay costs of Capital Project No. E1027 (Longfellow Elem Addition), more particularly described in the County's 2013 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

Final Action:

Votes:

GENERAL

CR109-2012

Introduced By Council Member Greg Fox

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 603 "Submission and contents of the County budget" of the Howard County Charter by limiting the amount of contingency funds held in reserve to 3% of each fund in the current expense budget; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the

Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR110-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION amending the Food Service Facilities Regulations; adding and amending certain definitions related to farmer's markets and to temporary and special food service facilities; clarifying the training requirements for certified managers; clarifying certain licensure provisions; and generally related to food service facilities regulations in Howard County.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR111-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION adopting a revised Food Service Facility Fee Schedule that includes certain farmer's market fees.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR112-2012

Administrative Explanation

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION designating Ellicott City as a Sustainable Community for approval either directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland or through the Smart Growth Subcabinet of the State of Maryland.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR113-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, declaring that certain real property comprising approximately 13.5332 acres owned by Howard County, Maryland located at 6566 Belmont Woods Road, Elkridge, Maryland, known as the "Dobbin Property", is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to sell the property; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County

Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to sell the property if he finds that it may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR114-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to grant a permanent water main connection easement and a permanent sewer house connection easement to adjacent property owners Charles V. Lewis, Jr. and Leslie M. Ryan on property owned by the County located along Burrows Lane in Ellicott City; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to grant said easements if he finds that the land may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration.

Final Action:

Votes:

FINAL CONSIDERATION

Any Amendment that has a stike through (~~strike~~), failed.

Any Amendment that is in brackets { } was not introduced.

APPOINTMENTS

CR83-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Nathaniel Alston, Jr. to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR84-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of John T. Blake to the Commission on Disability Issues.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR85-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jae Chon to the Personnel Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR86-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Karen Greenfield to the Board of Electrical Examiners.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR87-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Caroline Harper to the Housing and Community Development Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR88-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ronald J. Hartman to the Public Transportation Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR89-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Stacy L. Spann to the Housing Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR90-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mitchell W. Stringer to the Pension Oversight Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR91-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Alex Walker to the Commission on Disability Issues.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR92-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of B. Jerome Jackson to the Advisory Board on Consumer Affairs.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR93-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ike Okoye to the Housing and Community Development Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR94-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Stephen Rivers to the Commission on Disability Issues.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR95-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jennifer R. Smith to the Commission for Women.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR96-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of S. Allan Shad to the Historic District Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR97-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Sue Song, Ph.D. to the Board of Health.

Final Action:

Votes:

GENERAL

CB23-2012

Administrative Explanation

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 1810, Council 67, AFL-CIO that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; and providing for the application of this Act.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB24-2012 Amendment 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

Administrative Explanation

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT creating the Downtown Columbia Partnership; defining certain terms; establishing the Downtown Columbia Management District; setting forth the composition, qualifications and term of the Partnership's Board of Directors; establishing the powers and duties of the Board; requiring that the Board adopt bylaws and that the bylaws contain certain provisions, including ethical standards and disclosure requirements; requiring the Partnership to perform certain duties; setting forth the powers and duties of the Partnership; providing for certain funding and certain payments required by the Downtown Columbia Plan; providing that the Partnership serves as the Downtown Columbia Housing Foundation and that certain funds shall be used to make affordable housing more available; requiring certain transportation initiatives; requiring that the Partnership prepare certain reports and keep certain records; allowing the Partnership to use certain methods of procurement; requiring Partnership compliance with the State Open Meetings

Act and Public Information Act laws; setting forth the Partnership's legal advisor; providing a method to terminate the existence of the Downtown Columbia Partnership; providing for staggered terms for the initial members of the Board; and generally relating to the Downtown Columbia Partnership.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB25-2012 Amendment 1, 2

Administrative Explanation

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the process for comprehensive zoning; defining certain terms; clarifying the County Council authority related to comprehensive zoning, clarifying the purpose of zoning districts and zoning regulations; requiring certain notice of a comprehensive zoning plan; requiring certain procedures before the Planning Board and the County Council; allowing for the consideration of certain requests; making certain technical corrections; and generally related to comprehensive zoning in Howard County.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB26-2012 Amendment 1, 2

Administrative Explanation

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT adopting PlanHoward 2030 as the general plan for Howard County, Maryland, for the purpose of planning for land use and land conservation and multiyear development planning for transportation, public facilities, water, sewerage, parkland, housing, human services, and environmental protection; and generally relating to planning, zoning, and land use in Howard County, Maryland.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR99-2012 Amendment 1

Introduced By, Council Member Calvin Ball

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 202 "County Council" of the Howard County Charter by changing from three to four the maximum number of terms the Council Members can serve; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR100-2012 Amendment 1

Introduced By, The Chair at the Request of the Charter Review Commission

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Howard County Charter to make various technical changes; to amend Section 202 “The County Council” by removing an obsolete factor to be considered in redistricting; to amend Section 501 “The County Board of Appeals” by correcting a citation to the Annotated Code of Maryland; to amend Section 601 “Fiscal year and tax year definitions”, Section 615A “Budget Stabilization”, and Section 615B “Restrictions on Use of Surplus Revenues” in order to consolidate certain duplicate definitions; to amend Section 709 “Prohibitions” by correcting a typographical error; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR101-2012

Introduced By, The Chair at the Request of the Charter Review Commission

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 208 “Sessions of the County Council; quorum; rules of procedure”, Section 209 “Legislative Procedure”, Section 210 “Recording, printing and compilation of laws”, and Section 604 “Filing of proposed budget; copies” of the Howard County Charter by changing various publication and advertising requirements to provide that certain information also be made available in at least one electronic medium; proposing to amend Section 209 “Legislative procedure” of the Howard County Charter by permitting the County Council to extend the amount of time to post emergency legislation; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR102-2012

Introduced By, The Chair at the Request of the Charter Review Commission

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 209

“Legislative procedure” of the Howard County Charter by permitting the County Council to extend the amount of time to consider legislation before the Council; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR103-2012

Introduced By, The Chair at the Request of the Charter Review Commission

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 211 “The referendum” of the Howard County Charter by providing that the number of required signatures for a referendum be 5% of the qualified voters of the County calculated upon the whole number of votes cast in the County for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR104-2012

Introduced By, The Chair at the Request of the Charter Review Commission

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 611 “Lapsed appropriations” of the Howard County Charter to permit the County to carry over grant funds from one fiscal year to the next; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR105-2012

Introduced By, The Chair at the Request of the Charter Review Commission

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 613 “Restrictions of capital projects; amendment to capital budget after adoption of budget”, of the Howard County Charter to clarify the application of the section to new capital projects; requiring the County Council to establish by law procedures for amending the budget when changes to existing capital projects are approved; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard

County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR106-2012

Introduced By, The Chair at the Request of the Charter Review Commission

A RESOLUTION proposing to repeal Section 906 “Copies of books and papers on demand” and Section 907 “Inspection of books, accounts, and papers” of the Howard County Charter and replace them with new Section 906 “Right to Inspect and Copy Public Records”; making the public access provisions of the County Charter consistent with the Maryland Public Information Act; expanding the public right to inspect records to include all persons; permitting persons to obtain copies of public records upon payment of a reasonable fee prescribed by the County Council; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR107-2012

Introduced By The Chairperson

A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on July 26, 2012.

Final Action:

Votes:

TABLED

CR150-2011

Introduced By, Greg Fox

A RESOLUTION proposing to add a section to Article VIII. “Centralized Purchasing” of the Howard County Charter to limit the exercise of the power of eminent domain so that the power is used only for public purposes and not for private economic development, and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

Final Action: Tabled 10/3/2011

Votes: Yea – Council Members Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and

Watson

Nay – Council Member Ball

CR50-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Thomas K. Munns to the Board of Library Trustees.

Final Action: Tabled 6/4/2012

Votes: Unanimous

THE PROCESS

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD.

The next meetings are as follows:

- Thursday, April 19, 2012 Quarterly meeting with Board of Education at 8:15am
- Thursday, April 19, 2012 Work Session – Capital Budget (except Education) at 1pm. C. Vernon Gray Room
- Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Option Work Session at 4:30pm
- Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Legislative Work Session at 4:30pm
- Monday, April 30, 2012 Public Hearing Operating Budget (except Education) at 7:30pm
- Wednesday, May 2, 2012 Work Session (Operating) at 8:30am in the C. Vernon Gray Room
- Monday, May 7, 2012 Constant Yield at 7pm

- Monday, May 7, 2012 Legislative Session at 7:30pm
- Thursday, May 10, 2012 Work Session, Community Services, Funds, Revenues at 9:30am in C. Vernon Gray Room
- Thursday, May 10, 2012 Public Hearing at 11am in C. Vernon Gray Room
- Saturday, May 12, 2012 Public Hearing (Operating Capital) Education, Library, HCC at 9am

* Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, visit <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/displayprimary.aspx?ID=6442459444>.

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions online by visiting www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_WatchUs.htm and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed real time on this website.

I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As always, I hope you have found this information insightful and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

All the best,

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"The ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." ~ Albert Schweitzer